



Connect Group study

John 21 (part 2)

At the end of the Book of John, Jesus has a conversation with Peter about his future - and the future of his fellow disciple John. Jesus gives Peter some clear instructions and this study investigates what we can learn from them.

Watch [youtube.com/watch?v=xBUleL3GUak](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBUleL3GUak) (Search Youtube "Infinite Quotes How the Apostles Died")

Read John 21:18-25

Reflect

Q1. This passage involves two of the disciples – Peter and John. What does history tell us about how Peter died, and does this passage support this?

Q2. We know that John was exiled to the island of Patmos for his faith (Revelation 1:9). He is believed to have died as an old man of natural causes. How does this compare with the other disciples? What's your reaction to this?

Q3. Peter was clearly interested in what would happen to John (v 21). Jesus' blunt response was "what is that to you?". What do you think He's essentially saying here?

Q4. Read verses 19 and then 22. What is the common theme and what is the main thing that Jesus is demanding of Peter? Why might He emphasise this in particular?

Q5. Read Galatians 6:4-5. What does this mean and how is it relevant here?

Respond

Q6. Sometimes in our walk of faith, we can fall into the trap of comparing our journey with that of others rather than focussing on what Jesus is calling us as individuals to do. Why is this a bad idea?

Q7. Are there any areas of your life where you have become discouraged, distracted, or jealous because you have been comparing your journey with someone else's? You can reflect on this privately or share with the group if you are willing.

Pray as a group that you'd be able to focus on what Jesus is requiring of you without comparing your life with someone else's.

Key verse(s)

Let each one examine his own work. Then he can take pride in himself and not compare himself with someone else. For each one will carry his own load.
(Galatians 6:4-5 NET)